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I met John Hughes and Doug Dillon at the Embassy this morning.

Afterwards, Cy Sulzberger came and we puzzled each other with an examination of what is really meant by "co-existence".

Blair Clark dropped by and told me he had started on his wine article for the New York Times, with which I have been trying to help him.

René Mayer had lunch with me. I believe he is convinced that a change in the EDC Treaty text would be undesirable and the most that can be done in the way of a compromise would be more or less along the lines of a gentleman's agreement between the Foreign Ministers, or at any rate an agreement which would not require parliamentary approvals. René thinks if Mendès-France had failed of investiture, he (René) would probably have secured the necessary number of votes to have become Prime Minister.

I met André de Staercke at the office. He is hopeful that, in his press conference this afternoon, Spaak will reaffirm the Benelux stand on the integrity of the treaty language, which I have emphatically urged him to do.

Shep Stone came to see me and told me something of the plans of the Ford Foundation. He recounted as well his recent interview with Adenauer. There is no question but that Adenauer's political situation is deteriorating somewhat.

I went to see Lee Van Starkenborgh at his request to explain to him what I knew about Spaak's conversation yesterday.

The Porthaults and the Trafford Klotzes came to see us late this afternoon at the house, and afterwards we went to a reception at the John Hughes's.

We dined with Betty Harcourt. Bill had gone out to make a speech.

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